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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of former State Representative Gilbert Deavers of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, formerly of Bloomington, on December 15, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Deavers was an insurance and financial planner for more than 40 years; he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, serving from 1973 to 1979, and was Assistant Minority Leader his last year; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Lexington, Illinois on February 28, 1931; he graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science degree and the University of Illinois with a Master's degree; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Deavers served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953; he served in a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (M.A.S.H.) unit as an operating room technician and received two bronze stars, a United Nations service medal, and a National Defense service medal; and

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WHEREAS, Gilbert Deavers taught at Normal Community High School for seven years in subjects such as physical education, driver's education, and business education as well as coaching

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1 football; and

2 WHEREAS, While serving in the Illinois House he served on
3 the Rules Committee as Chairperson and the Recreational
4 Council; and he enjoyed history, golf, poker, and fishing; and

5 WHEREAS, Gilbert Deavers is survived by his wife, Jane
6 Deavers; his son, Doug Deavers; and his daughter, Dianne
7 Siverly; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of former State
11 Representative Gilbert Deavers; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Gilbert Deavers.